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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: DOI Fuels Treatment Monitoring and Reporting

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The FY 2001 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Public Law 106-291, provided approximately \$195,000,000 for hazardous fuels reduction; \$120,300,000 of the appropriation was mandated for the wildland urban interface. The appropriation was to be used to meet an identified emergency situation that exists as the result of hazardous fuels buildup. The treatment of the Wildland Urban Interface acres is considered by the Administration, Congress, and the Secretary of the Interior an emergency situation and carries a very high priority for accomplishment.

The Department has been tracking our accomplishments on a weekly basis since February. Simply put, they are very concerned about our progress. The DOI Bureaus range from 6 percent to 31 percent of their fuels treatment acres accomplished at the end of May. While the BLM has accomplished approximately 31 percent of its fuels treatment target for the year, we are well short of our projections. State accomplishments range from 0 percent to 65 percent of the targeted acres.

As a result of this concern and the commitment to mitigate the emergency hazardous fuels situation, the Secretary issued the May 22 Memorandum, "Fuels Treatment Directive." In the memorandum the Secretary established a Fuels Treatment Coordinator for each Bureau and a DOI weekly reporting requirement. The purpose is to ensure a coordinated, efficient and effective fuels treatment program.

The Bureau of Land Management has named Roy Johnson as its Fuels Treatment Coordinator. He is responsible to the Director for keeping an accurate and updated list of all 2001 and 2002 fuels treatment projects, completion date, any obstacles, and efforts to resolve the impediments to completing the projects on time. Each week he will report to the Director and the Department's Wildland Fire Coordinator on the status of each FY 2001 and FY 2002 project.

To facilitate this monitoring and reporting requirement, we are requesting that you complete the attached DOI Fuels Treatment Report. The Report is to be e-mailed to the Director, Office of Fire and Aviation (Attention: Roy Johnson), by close of business Monday of each week. The first report is due June 18. This report must have the 2001 projects; 2002 projects can be added as they are identified. An example plus instructions for the report is attached.

Thank you for your continued efforts and commitment to mitigate the emergency that is a result of the hazardous fuels that threaten the safety of the public and our firefighters as well as the resources that we manage. If you have any questions, please contact Roy Johnson at 208-387-5163 or Wini Sorensen at 208-387-5154.

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1 - Attachment

1 - DOI Fuels Treatment Report Example and Instructions (2 pp.)

DOI Fuels Treatment Report

State	Unit Name	Project Name	WUI or Hazard Fuel	Treatment Type (Rx fire, Mech., Other)*	Planned Treatment Acres	Projected Treatment Date	Completion Date	Treatment Acres Completed	Impediments (Burn ban, weather, staffing, NEPA compliance, clearances, contractor availability, contracting capability)	List Mitigation Actions
OR	Burns	XYZ Mt.	HF	RX	500	09/01		0		
UT	Vernal	Paradise	WUI	Mech	350	ongoing	05/01	125		
		Gypsum	WUI	RX	350	09/01		0		
WY	Worland	Big Horn	HF	RX	600	08/01		0	Clearances	Contract for clearances
ID	Burley	ABC Spray	HF	Other	2200		11/00	2150		
NM	Taos	Resort	WUI	RX	100	08/01		0	Staffing	Order engines and crew as required in Burn Plan.
NM	Roswell	South Hill	HF	RX	500				Canceled	Can not meet resource objectives this FY
Total					4600			2275		

Instructions

Purpose: The purpose of this report is to provide important data which will assist DOI Bureaus in the selection of strategies and in taking appropriate action to ensure full implementation of their fuels treatment goals.

List all projects planned for FY2001 and FY2002. Projects may be added as appropriate.

1. State:

Enter the two letter designator.

2. Unit Name:

Enter the office name or agency designator for the office responsible for the project.

3. Project Name:

Enter the project name or the fuels project number assigned to the project.

4. WUI or Hazard Fuel:

Enter **WUI** for wildland urban interface projects or **HF** for hazardous fuels reduction projects.

5. Treatment Type:

Enter **“RX”** for prescribed fire projects. Enter **“Mech”** for mechanical or hand treatment projects. Enter **“Other”** for chemical, Wildland Fire that has burned up planned prescribed fire projects, or other types of treatments.

Multiple Treatments: Multiple treatments will require more than one entry. Use the first line to show the initial treatment and additional lines for additional treatments under the same project.

6. Planned Treatment Acres:

Enter the planned treatment acres for the project

7. Projected Treatment Date:

Enter the MMYT date when you expect to begin implementing the project.

8. Completion Date:

For completed projects, enter the date MMYT the implementation was completed.

9. Treatment Acres Completed.

Enter the total treatment acres completed to date. For ongoing projects, enter the acreage completed since the beginning of the FY.

10. Impediments:

List major obstacles to implementing or completing the project. Select from the list of Burn Ban, weather, staffing, NEPA compliance, clearances, contractor availability, contracting capability. If there are other impediments enter “other” and provide footnotes as needed. Enter **CANCELED** if project is no longer being considered for implementation this FY.

11. List mitigation Actions:

List any actions taken to relieve the impediments listed in item10, e.g., “Will contract archeological clearances.” Weather-mitigating risk of escape by contracting mechanical treatment of control lines.